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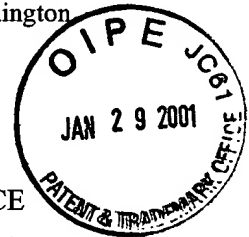
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In Re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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Title: NOVEL HCV NON-STRUCTURAL POLYPEPTIDE

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In order to fulfill the formalities requirement in the above-identified application, the following documents are submitted: a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney document signed by the inventors; and a Blanket Petition for Extension of Time and Authorization to Charge or Credit Deposit Account. A check in the amount of \$1236 (surcharge, \$130; statutory basic filing fee; \$710; additional claim fees, \$396) is attached to cover the required fees.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

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